

## **Upwood School Newsletter September 2014**

### **Welcome Back**

Welcome back! We hope you all enjoyed the summer holidays. For new children joining Upwood Primary, this will be an exciting time as they make new friends and familiarise themselves with their new surroundings. For new parents/carers joining the school, please do not hesitate to ask any questions which you may have, no question is too small. This newsletter contains notices and reminders, special events and diary dates for the Autumn Term.

The staffing structure for September 2014 will be as follows:

**Foundation – Miss Mee**

**Year 1 – Mrs Wilkinson**

**Year 2 – Mrs Hart**

**Year 3 – Miss Bloomfield**

**Year 4 – Mr Vincent**

**Year 5 – Mrs Myles-Gardiner (KS2 Team Leader and SENCo)**

**Year 6 – Miss Clarke (KS1 Team Leader and Acting Deputy Headteacher)**

### **Good Luck**

Mrs Scarrow will be working as part of the Upwood team until 29<sup>th</sup> September, supporting primarily in Key Stage 1, but this will be our last newsletter before Mrs Scarrow begins her maternity leave. We excitedly await the arrival of the newest member of the Scarrow family. We are sure you will join us in offering them all our very best wishes. We will keep you posted on any developments!

### PTA (Parent Teacher Association)

Every parent/carers and staff member is automatically a member of the PTA. We are extremely fortunate at Upwood to have a very high degree of involvement and commitment from our parents/carers. The PTA is actively involved in a full programme of educational, social and fund raising activities, from which the school benefits greatly. If you are new to the school and have not attended PTA meetings before why not come along to the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 16th September at 7.00pm in the school hall. This will be an opportunity to meet committee members and to hear about their work on the PTA.

### PTA Events

There will be a school disco on Friday 17th October, 6.30pm – 8pm. All year groups and ages are welcome; refreshments will be served. Please remember the Christmas Fair on Saturday 6th December, 12pm – 2pm. Please check the PTA notice board for details of future events such as the School Ball.

### Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening will take place on Thursday 9th October (6pm – 8pm) and Tuesday 14th October (4pm – 6pm). There will also be an additional Parents' Evening time for larger classes. This will take place 1.30pm – 3.30pm, dates to be confirmed. A letter will be sent out shortly to remind parents/carers to select an appointment time.

### Other Useful Dates

#### Christmas Play

The Christmas Performances will be on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 11th December, 6pm – 7pm. Please note: performances are **adult only**, no pre-school children.

#### Individual School Photographs

School photographs will take place on Thursday 9th October in the morning. This includes individual photographs and family photographs. Family photographs will start at 8.15am.

### Parent/Carer Volunteers

There is much to be involved in and to enjoy at Upwood Primary. Many activities here are enriched by the active support of parents/carers who volunteer to spend time in school each week. These parents/carers help with various aspects of school life, including listening to children read, cooking and clubs. If you have any time that you could offer, or a particular skill or talent that you could share, we would love to hear from you. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact Miss Clarke in the first instance; all volunteers must be DBS checked.

### Morning Supervision Reminder

Children are supervised on the playground from 8.45am each morning. The school bell is rung at 8.55am to ensure a prompt 9am start. New parents/carers: children must not use the climbing apparatus before school for health and safety reasons; this applies to after school as well.

### Harvest Donations

This year, we will be collecting toiletries for the residents at Manor House. Donated items can be brought into school from Monday 22nd September, such as flannels, sponges, tissues and soaps. The residents enjoy chocolates as well! Years 2 and 4 will be taking the donations to Manor House on Tuesday 14th October.

### School Meals

From September, school meals will cost £2.15 per day. Please make cheques payable to '**Upwood Primary School**'. Dinner money should be sent into school on Mondays via the post box in the foyer, in a sealed envelope with your child's name and the amount enclosed, or alternatively on-line, using the Agora Payment System. Payments can also be made online for dinner money, school uniform, school residential trips and classroom trips.

Yours sincerely



Mrs S Whitelaw

### End of Term Diary Date

The last day of term is **Friday 19th December**. The children will return to school on **Wednesday 7th January 2015**.